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News Release

DAYTON, Ohio, November 30, 1988--Teresa Thompson, an associate professor of communication at the University of Dayton, has been named editor of "Health Communication," a new quarterly journal for the rapidly growing health field.

Thompson, a top researcher in the field and author of the book "Communication for Health Professions," teaches health communication classes at UD.

Articles in the first issues will address such concerns as how patients and physicians control interactions with each other, how nurses' communication style affects patients' decision making, and the role communication plays in coping with cancer. Professionals from a variety of medical fields will submit articles to give "Health Communication" an interdisciplinary interest.

"The journal is designed to show the role of communication in the health field and how communication can lead to improved health," Thompson said.

"Research indicates that physiological outcomes can be based on interpersonal communication between health care providers and patients. For example, communication can affect the amount of medication a patient needs for pain relief, how long a patient stays in the hospital after surgery, and the amount of anesthesia a patient needs before surgery."

Two other associate professors from UD's Department of Communication serve as members of the editorial board. Lou Cusella, an expert in organizational communication, will provide input on how hospital bureaucracy affects communication. Dan Robinson has performed extensive research on communication in nursing homes and communicating with the elderly.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: All three UD professors reside in Kettering. For more information, call Teresa Thompson at 229-2341.

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